Project for Gas distribution in Bombay

2803. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an inordinate delay in the implementation of the project for gas distribution in Bombay through pipelines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of the pro ject: and

(d) by when it i» likely to be com pleted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The implementation of the project would arise only after the project is approved.

(d) The project after approval is estimated to be implemented and completed in 10 years.

Investment of money in foreign bank by GAEL

2804. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Mnister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Authority of India invested large sums of money in foreign banks instead of utilising them for tapping excess gas from the well sites for LPG purposes; and

(b) if so, at what level and when the decision to invest the money was taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Only short term surplus funds, not immediately required for the projects of GAIL, are invested in schemes of scheduled banks, subsidiaries of nationalised banks, public sector undertakings, etc. in accordance with powers delegated by the Board of GAIL.

Violation of Govt, guidelines by GAIL

2805. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government fixed responsibilities for violation of Government guidelines by GAIL authorities in regard to the diversion of funds for purposes other than the purposes for which the unit was established; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No such instance hat come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

राजस्थान में तेल भंडार

2806. श्री शिव चरण सिंह : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के किन-किन भागों में तेल भण्डारों का पता लगाये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ख) राजस्थान के किन-किन स्थानों में इस संबंध में सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ;

(ग) सर्वेक्षण के दौरान पता चले भण्डारों और अब तक की गई खुदाई का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या खुदाई की लागत और प्राप्त पैट्रोलियम की मात्रा तथा उसके मूल्य के अनुपात को देखते हुए यह लाभकारी है ; और